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Action against corruption and bribery

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3514 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which it, *inter alia*, condemned all corrupt practices, including bribery, in international commercial transactions, reaffirmed the right of any State to adopt legislation and to investigate and take appropriate legal action, in accordance with its national laws and regulations, against such corrupt practices and called upon all Governments to cooperate to prevent corrupt practices, including bribery,

Concerned about the seriousness of problems posed by corruption, which may endanger the stability and security of societies, undermine the values of democracy and morality and jeopardize social, economic and political development,

Disturbed by the bribery of public officials by individuals and enterprises of other States in relation to international commercial transactions,

Recalling its resolution 51/191 of 16 December 1996, by which it adopted the United Nations Declaration against Corruption and Bribery in International Commercial Transactions, its resolution 52/87 of 12 December 1997, by which it called for further measures to implement the Declaration, and its resolution 51/59 of 12 December 1996 in which it adopted the International Code of Conduct for Public Officials,

1. *Welcomes* recent multilateral initiatives to combat corruption, including *inter alia*, the Inter-American Convention against Corruption, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions, the Dakar Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Organized Transnational Crime and Corruption, the Manila Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Organized Transnational Crime and Corruption, the Convention on the fight

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against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of member States of the European Union, and recommendation 32 of the recommendations elaborated and endorsed by the Senior Experts Group on Transnational Organized Crime, which met at Lyon, France from 27 to 29 June 1996;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on promotion and maintenance of the rule of law: action against corruption and bribery, submitted to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its seventh session;[1]

3. *Commends* the work of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in combating corruption and bribery, including the convening of an open-ended meeting of governmental experts, and looks forward to the results of the further work of the Commission at its ninth session;

4. *Calls upon Member States* to take all possible measures to further the implementation of the United Nations Declaration against Corruption and Bribery in International Commercial Transactions and relevant international declarations and to ratify, where appropriate, international instruments against corruption;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the regional commissions, the funds and programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, within their respective mandates, to assist Member States, at their request, in implementing relevant conventions, declarations and instruments as well as national programmes to combat corruption and bribery;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on measures taken by Member States, regional organizations, non-governmental organizations and the United Nations system to implement the present resolution.

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[1] E/CN.15/1998/3